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Council now responsible for firefighting service - 1948



Cambridge auxiliary firefighters in the 1940s

YESTERDAY saw the passing of the National Fire Service which had been administered from the Home Office since March 1941.

Under the provision of the Fire Services Act of 1947, the Cambridgeshire County Council assumed the responsibility for the provision and maintenance of fire-fighting services for the county, and the occasion was marked by a transfer ceremony at No.1 Station, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

The Lamb Hotel 'came very near to destruction' - 1949

THE Lamb Hotel, Ely, came very near to destruction when fire broke out in a linen room on the first floor. The room was almost completely gutted.

At one time, there was a danger of the fire spreading to a ground-floor store cupboard but, fortunately, flames were checked before they gained a good hold.

A sub-officer of the Church of Ely fire service said: "In another five minutes, we should not have got a hold on the fire at all."

Doors and windows were kept closed by the occupants, and it saved the place."

favour the railways rather than the roads.

But the whole transport world cannot be swept out at the pleasure of the railway companies. Somebody has got to carry on the road service of this country.

Membership of the Cambridgeshire Road Haulage Association had jumped to 120. More would follow as even a haulage contractor had a flash of intelligence sometimes.

Instead of being caned by successive government they should go to the minister and speak with one voice, a meeting was told.

Chivers to build 'miniature villas' for employees - 1904

MESSRS Chivers propose to erect a number of model cottages for the accommodation of their workpeople.

At present, many of the employees live in adjoining villages and are compelled to walk to the factory each day, while others are conveyed to and from Cambridge by train.

The scheme has already started; not far from the village chapel there are four cottages which occupy



Haulage companies were coming under increasing threat from the railways in the 1930s

Quarter of road haulage contractors to lose jobs - 1935

THERE are 4,000 road haulage contractors in the area today and 1,000 will be out of it in the next two or three years. They will lose their jobs, licences, vehicles and livelihoods.

The government was railway minded. Legislation never seemed to stop and it always seemed to

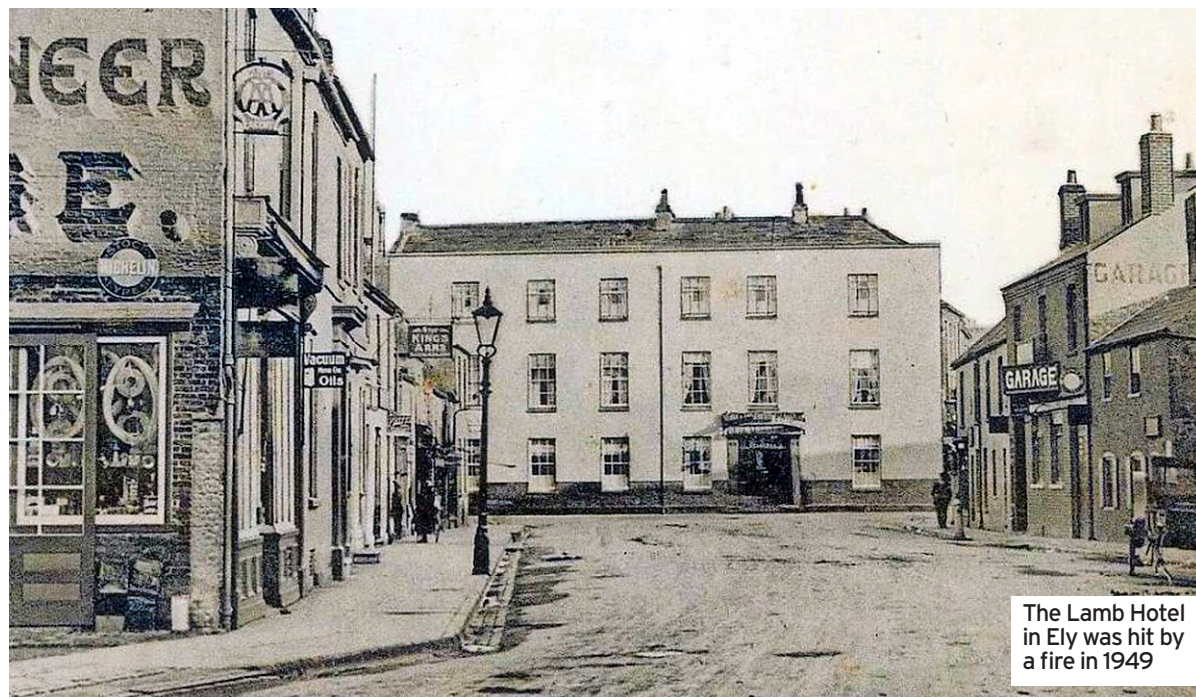
little more space than the ordinary dreary erection in which the working man has to make his home.

But brains as well as bricks and mortar have been used in their construction. They are really miniature villas with windows of the old-fashioned lattice type and are approached through rustic gates.

If the new houses are on the same scale, many will cast envious eyes at Histon and its happy inhabitants.



Workers at the Chivers factory



The Lamb Hotel in Ely was hit by a fire in 1949

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